

BRITISH RENEW DRIVE IN GREECE

Cross the Struma River and
Force Bulgarians to Va-
cate Positions.

RUMANIANS HOLD THEIR LINES

Von Mackensen Unable to Break
Through in Dobrudja—Heavy
Losses in Air Battles.

London, Sept. 25.—The British have taken the offensive in Northeastern Greece and have advanced across the Struma river at three points. They drove the Bulgarians from Jenmita and repulsed strong counter attacks. The Serbians have made additional progress northwest of Kaimakalan and the French to the northwest of Florina.

Another lull has occurred in the big battle in Dobrudja, where the German-Bulgarian forces are trying to reach Constanza and the line of the Danube river. London military observers are gaining confidence that the Rumanians and Russians will be able to hold back Von Mackensen on their present positions.

Hard Fighting in East.

There has been heavy fighting on the eastern front on the upper reaches of the Dniester river. The Russians lost heavily in attacks near Zborow, Vienna says, leaving behind seven hundred prisoners and several machine guns. Petrograd, however, declares that in this region the Russians took 1,500 Austro-Germans. Several positions in the Carpathians have been retaken by the Teutonic forces.

On the Somme front, artillery duels have predominated. The French repulsed a strong counter attack against L'Abbe Wood, and the British checked three attacks west of Les Bouefs.

Heavy Losses in Air Fighting.

Paris, Sept. 25.—A heavy toll of German aircraft in the sky battles above the western front Saturday was taken by the French flying squadrons, according to the official statement issued here tonight. Twenty-six German aeroplanes were forced to descend and many of these fell, completely wrecked, within the French lines. Lieutenant Guynamer, the most daring of the French aviators, accounted for his seventeenth and eighteenth victims.

Berlin, Sept. 25.—German aviators, accounted for twenty-four enemy aeroplanes in the fighting Saturday, the official statement tonight says. It adds that the German losses were six aeroplanes. Hostile aeroplanes attacked many places behind the German front, among them Lille, where six civilians were killed.

Allies Make More Gains.

London, Sept. 23.—On the Somme front in France, the French and British forces again have taken the offensive and have been rewarded with additional gains. General Haig's men made progress toward Bapaume, while General Foch's soldiers, who apparently have begun another effort to eject the Germans from Comblès and its salient in the Entente line north of the Somme, also met with success.

After checking German attacks southeast of Comblès, between Le Priez farm and Rancourt, the end of the French part of the Entente line, which almost encircles the town, the French undertook local operations on the outskirts of Comblès itself. An organized and defended house was captured and several trench elements were occupied. In these enterprises one hundred prisoners were taken.

Have Taken 55,800 Germans.

It is announced officially in Paris that the number of prisoners taken by the Anglo-French forces on the Somme from July to September 18 amounted to more than 55,800. Of these, 24,050 fell into the hands of the French.

German and Rumanian reports as to the progress or result of the battle in the Dobrudja conflict. Berlin says strong Rumanian forces were repulsed southeast of Toprai Sari, fourteen miles southwest of Constanza, on the Black Sea coast.

Admit Loss in Carpathians.

Berlin and Vienna admit a reverse in the Carpathians in the Russian capture of the summit of Smotrec height, which previously had changed hands many times, but declare Russian attacks in Volhynia and Southern Bukovina were checked. West of Lutsk, in Volhynia, the Germans again repulsed Russian attacks, capturing 750 prisoners and several machine guns, according to Berlin.

Serbian and French troops continue to make progress in Northern Macedonia. The Serbians are advancing in the Broda river region and the French are pushing forward north of Florina toward Monastir.

SIR RICHARD CRAWFORD



Sir Richard Crawford, commercial adviser to the British embassy in Washington, is making plans for a conference in New York with bankers and others, the purposes of which is to go over the censorship question with a view to devising ways and means for facilitating the passage of business mail.

STRIKE CALLED IN NEW YORK

Six Hundred Thousand Men and
Women Ordered Out in Sympa-
thy With the Carmen.

New York, Sept. 23.—Organized workers in virtually every industry in Greater New York were formally called upon late today to cease work at 8 o'clock next Wednesday morning in sympathy with striking traction employees. Labor leaders assert approximately 600,000 men and women are involved.

The call embodied in resolutions adopted at a conference of labor leaders representing the federated bodies in all the boroughs of the city as well as many national and international unions. Of the eighty unions in the city represented, it was said some already had voted in favor of a strike. The call, it was said, would be issued not only to organized workers in New York, but also to those in West Chester county, in which the cities of Yonkers, New Rochelle and Mount Vernon are situated, and would extend throughout a wide range of industries.

Hugh Frayne, New York state organizer of the American Federation of Labor, announced the determination to call the sympathetic walkout in the following statement:

"It was decided by unanimous vote of representatives of eighty unions of Greater New York that there shall be a general suspension of all work, in all trades and industries in Greater New York and vicinity, the same to commence Wednesday, September 27, at 8 a. m."

Officers of several international unions attended the conference, Mr. Frayne said. Among those was T. V. O'Connor of Buffalo, president of the International Longshoremen's organization.

William B. Fitzgerald, general organizer of the Amalgamated Association of Street Electric Railway Employees, in charge of the traction strike, represented the carmen at the conference, and the following labor bodies were among the others represented: The Central Federated Union, Brooklyn, Central Labor Union, United Hebrews Trades, Bronx Board of Business Agents, Manhattan Building Trades Council, International Tunnel and Subway Constructors Union, International Machinists Union, International Typographical Union, Stationary and Upright Engineers and Firemen's Union, and the Eccentric Firemen's Union.

PLANNED TO KILL A WITNESS

Washington, Sept. 22.—Disclosure of a plot to kidnap or murder a witness named Frank Crocker, who has made a full confession regarding the workings of the nation-wide black-mailers' syndicate, was made today by a member of the Department of Justice investigation bureau, following a 2-day session attended by division heads from New York, Chicago and Philadelphia.

CONDENSED NEWS ITEMS

—Although retail prices for food decreased 1 per cent during 1915, wholesale food quotations averaged 1 per cent higher than in 1914 and wholesale prices in general showed a considerably larger increase, according to figures made public by the bureau of labor statistics.

—Detailed plans for investigation of European lumber markets by a commission of five experts representing the big lumber interests of this country have been announced by E. E. Platte, chief of the commerce bureau.

ALLIES PUSH UP NEARER COMBLES

Concerted Attack by French
and British Practically
Hem in Defenders.

THREE MORE TOWNS TAKEN

Iron Ring About Fortified Position
Nearly Closed by Latest Smash
—Quiet in East.

London, Sept. 26.—The fate of Comblès apparently is sealed.

Attacking simultaneously on an arc of fifteen miles, from Martinpuich to the Somme, the British and French have delivered another smashing blow on the German lines and pushed forward their positions for notable gains.

From Martinpuich to Comblès, a distance of six miles, the British have driven in their wedge more than a mile, and captured the important strategic towns of Lesbeufs and Morval, the latter a mile north of Comblès.

Morval a Formidable Fortress.

Morval stands on the heights north of Comblès and with its subterranean quarries, trenches and wire entanglements constituted a formidable fortress. The possession of these two villages is of considerable military importance and virtually severs the German communications with Comblès.

Many prisoners, machine guns and other war material were taken.

The French captured Rancourt, two miles east, and the outskirts of Fregicourt, one mile northeast of Comblès. Trenches close to Fregicourt, near Bouchavesnes and south from the Canal du Nord to the Somme were taken.

Leaves Gap of Only a Mile.

The capture of Morval by the British and of part of Fregicourt by the French almost completely isolates Comblès, which the Germans have determinedly held for weeks. The defenders have left to them for escape only the valley, a mile in width, running north-northeast, and in the traversing of which they must come under the British and French guns from Morval and about Fregicourt.

Another notable step in the French approach upon Peronne is the capture of trenches in the Canal du Nord region.

Except in France, there have been no important engagements on any of the various fronts. Berlin reports the repulse of Russian attacks in Volhynia, Galicia and the Carpathian Mountains. Unofficial advices say the Russians have begun a large new offensive on the eastern front to repulse counter attacks of the Teutons and pierce their front before winter sets in.

A Russian Success in Dobrudja.

The Rumanians still are struggling in the Szurdok and Vulcan passes of the Transylvanian Alps.

A Russian success in the Rumanian province of Dobrudja is reported in a semi-official news agency dispatch from Odessa. The dispatch says the Russians took two thousand prisoners.

GIVES UP FORTUNE TO WED

Widow of John C. Mayo Cagts Aside
a \$10,000,000 Inheritance to
Marry Again.

Huntington, W. Va., Sept. 26.—Mrs. John C. Mayo, widow of a Kentucky coal operator, has forfeited 10 million dollars to become the bride of Dr. Samuel R. Fetter of Portsmouth, O. The wedding took place at the home of C. A. Preston, postmaster in Ashland, Ky. Her two children will get their mother's share in their father's estate, through a provision of the will.

John C. Mayo attracted attention by reason of his sudden climb from the position of a country school teacher at Paintsville, Ky., to that of one of the biggest individual coal operators in the country. He died two years ago.

MADE NEW EXPORT RECORD

Shipments of Merchandise to Foreign
Nations During August Reached
Total of \$510,000,000.

Washington, Sept. 26.—Exports of merchandise from the United States in August were 510 million dollars, the greatest on record for a month, in the United States or any other country. The biggest previous exports were 475 million dollars in May.

Excess of exports over imports were 311 million dollars, also a high record month's balance.

Net imports of gold in August were 29 million and for twelve months 410 million.

KANSAS CITY CONCERN FAILS

Ball Manufacturing Company Goes Into
Hands of Receivers—Petition
Charges Poor Management.

Kansas City, Sept. 22.—Receivers for the Ball Manufacturing Company, a mail order and merchandise concern of Kansas City, with a capital of \$1,000,000, were named yesterday by Judge A. S. Van Valkenburgh of the United States district court. H. S. Batchler, secretary and treasurer, and W. G. Matthews, general manager of the company, were named as the receivers.

The action was taken on the petition of several of the stockholders of the company, who declared that from a prosperous concern doing a business of \$800,000 in eight months, it had become a losing venture to the extent of \$100,000 in the last six months. The application for the receivership was filed by R. A. Mooneyham of Carthage.

The Ball Manufacturing Company is a co-operative mail order and merchandise concern with branch houses in these twenty-nine towns:

Ablene, Ashland, Council Grove, Dodge City, Emporia, Great Bend, Greensburg, Hutchinson, Independence, Kinsley, Larned, McPherson, Plains, Platt, Salina, St. John, Topeka and Wellington, Kan.; Carthage, Mo.; Shenandoah, Ia., and Laverne, Alva and Tulsa, Ok.

Poor management is charged by the petitioners for the receivership, the only one of the officials knowing anything about the conduct of a mail order business, they declare, being Mr. Batchler. At present, it is charged, the company is running behind at the rate of \$4,000 a month.

Dr. S. E. Ball, the president of the Ball Manufacturing Company, and a physician at Fort Scott, Kan., was the originator of the idea of the co-operative mail order house, his plan being the establishment of branch houses throughout the country where goods could be kept in stock to be inspected by customers and also to save freight charges. Stock in these twenty-nine branch houses was sold. What are known as "certificates of co-operation" also were sold. These, it is alleged, permitted the holder to secure goods at cost from the company. This, it is claimed, proved to be a liability to the company.

ZEPPELINS RAIDED LONDON

Thirty Persons Killed and 110 Injured
in Latest Attack—Two Air-
craft Shot Down.

London, Sept. 25.—Twelve Zeppelins, which raided London and the southeast counties of England last night, killed thirty persons and injured 110 others, according to a British official statement issued tonight. Of the casualties, twenty-eight men, women and children were killed and ninety-nine men, women and children were injured in the metropolitan area of London.

Two of the Zeppelin airships, both of a new pattern were shot down in Essex. The crew of one was killed but the crew of the other, consisting of twenty-two men, was captured.

Outside of the London district two persons were killed and eleven injured in an East Midlands town and it is feared that two other bodies may be buried in the ruins.

The missiles dropped by the hostile aircraft caused numerous fires and demolished or damaged a large number of residences and stores in London.

The casualties in the metropolitan area, according to an official compilation, are as follows:

Killed, men, 17; women, 8; children, 3; total, 28.

Injured, men, 45; women, 37; children, 17; total, 99.

ARMY EVANGELISTS BARRED

Gen. Funston Resents His Soldiers
Being Considered Good Material
for Religious Revivals.

San Antonio, Tex., Sept. 23.—General Funston made a statement today regarding an announcement by Dr. J. B. Gambrell, corresponding secretary of the Baptist general convention of Texas, at Dallas last night. Doctor Gambrell quoted General Funston as ordering that Baptist preachers might preach to the soldiers on the Mexican border, providing that they did not tell them they were "lost."

General Funston said he had no desire to dictate to ministers what they should preach to army men, but that he objected to revivals being held in the camps and found particularly obnoxious any supposition that army men needed to be special objects for evangelization.

"We have a fine lot of men, equal to any other class of men in the country," he said. "I don't believe they should be considered as being 'lost.'"

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No Enterprise.

H. C. Frick, the steel millionaire, said one day to a Pittsburgh reporter: "The man who lacks enterprise is always a lazy, do-nothing man. It's like the story of the clock and the sundial."

"In an old-fashioned village there was a movement on foot to purchase a town clock for the town hall, but Jabez Hartley said:

"No, no. That'll eat into a lot of money. What do we want a town clock for, anyhow. Why, lying abed of a morning, can't I see the time by the sundial over the church porch?" "Yes, Jabez," said a progressive, "but suppose the sun isn't shining? What do you do then?"

"Why," said Jabez, "I know then it ain't fit weather to be out o' doors, so I stay where I am for the day."

Wrong Place.

For many years a faithful house-keeper worked for a bad-tempered old bachelor, but finally grew tired of his eternal complaints and decided to leave him. Biding her time, therefore, she informed him that she was going to California.

"To California?" he repeated, in alarm. "What to do there, pray?"

"To find a husband," she answered, boldly. "They say there are many more men than women in California."

"Bah!" the old bachelor snarled. "Don't flatter yourself that you'll find a husband among them, woman. It's true that men are in the majority, but they're not the marrying sort. They're runaway husbands who've gone to California in search of a little peace!"

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